



Coast Guard Investigative Service Central Region  
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# Great Lakes Maritime Intelligence Summary

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Homeland Security Advisory Threat Level: **YELLOW**

Force Protection Condition: **Alpha+**

Maritime Security Posture: **MARSEC One**

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## A. Regional Terrorism and Security

### EUROPE

No Significant Information to Report

### SOUTH AMERICA

No Significant Information to Report

### ASIA



**Malaysia** - The hijacking of a tanker in the Malacca Strait on June 13, was foiled by a quick-thinking crewmember. Ten armed pirates in a speedboat boarded a tanker underway off Langkawi Island. One crewman managed to escape in the boat used by pirates. He landed ashore and contacted the marine police at Langkawi Island who dispatched a patrol boat. It located the hijacked tanker off Pulau Lebar and the pirates surrendered. This represents a significant success for the authorities at a time when the number of hijackings has been increasing. It appears that smaller vessels, the typical targets of the pirates, have been heeding advice to stay close to the Malaysian side of the Strait. This has enticed the pirates into daring attacks right under the noses of the Malaysian authorities. The capture of an entire gang may well serve as deterrent to such attacks. (**Source – Maritime Global Net; 16 June 2005**)



**Philippines** – On June 16, Customs agents in Manila, Philippines, intercepted a shipment of high-powered firearms, ammunition and gun parts believed to be intended for groups seeking the overthrow of the Philippine government. The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement alerted Philippine customs to the shipment, thought to be the biggest haul ever seized by Philippine customs, before it reached port. Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo is embedded in various scandals. The Army chief of the Philippines warned that certain factions of the Army may revolt

against her. A number of retired Philippine military and police generals have called for her resignation. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has been accused of manipulating the results of the 2004 presidential election. **(Source – India Daily; 17 June 2005)**



**Australia** - Australians have been warned by their government to avoid traveling to the east coast of the Malaysian state of Sabah after "credible" reports that terrorists are planning to kidnap foreigners. Militants have in the past kidnapped foreigners from the eastern part of mainland Sabah, and from islands and sea off its east coast. The travel warning also urged Australians to exercise a high degree of caution throughout Malaysia as a risk of terrorist attacks against Western interests in Malaysia remains". It said travelers should take care particularly in commercial and public areas known to be frequented by foreigners such as hotels, clubs, restaurants, bars, schools, marketplaces, places of worship, outdoor recreation events and tourist areas. **(Source – AFP; 23 June 2005)**

**Singapore** - The crew of a tug underway in the Singapore Strait successfully repulsed an attempted boarding using fire hoses. Persons wearing dark clothes in four speedboats about 6-8 meters long approached a tug underway. The bosun raised the alarm and the crew mustered. One boat came very close to the stern and persons inside attempted to board. The crew activated fire hoses and the boats moved back and later moved away." **(Maritime Global Network; 28 June 2005)**



## AFRICA



**Nigeria** - Four violent attacks took place in the Bonny River, Nigeria **(Left Photo)**, with shots being fired in all cases. In the worst incident "armed and aggressive" robbers boarded a container ship at anchor. They injured several crewmembers and shot and wounded one crewmember. They escaped in a high-powered speedboat with ship's cash, bonded stores and crew personal belongings. **(Source – Maritime Global Net; 16 June 2005)**

## MIDDLE EAST

**No Significant Information to Report**

## NORTH/CENTRAL AMERICA

No Significant Information to Report

### B. Narcotics Intelligence

**Mexico** - Drug lords from the drug trafficking organization under the Command of Ismael Zambada, alias "El Mayo" (*Right Photo*) are transporting large amounts of narcotics with the use of lanchas from the coasts of the Mexican state of Sinaloa to the beaches Rosarito, Baja California Norte, Mexico. Rosarito is a tourist town known as a drop off point for narcotics coming from Sinaloa. Drugs are later taken to Tijuana by land, which subsequently are smuggled to the United States. Drugs that arrive at the coast of Sinaloa are smuggled from the Colombia via the use of fast boats and small aircraft. In addition, Rosarito is a narcotics warehouse for maritime narcotics smuggling. (*Source – Zeta Magazine, 2 June 2005*)



### C. Environmental Intelligence

No Significant Information to Report

### D. Alien Migrant Intelligence

**Australia** - An Australian court has found an Iraqi man guilty of people smuggling, for his role in an ill-fated boat voyage in which 353 asylum-seekers drowned. Khaleed Shnayf Daoed was found guilty of helping to organize the trip of the M/V Siev X, which capsized off the Indonesian coast in October 2001. Each passenger reportedly paid \$500 to be smuggled to Australia's remote Christmas Island from Indonesia. (*Source – BBC; 8 June 2005*)



**United States** - Federal agents in an undercover operation carried out over the past six days have rounded up dozens of illegal immigrants across New England who were ordered deported for committing crimes. Dozens of federal, state and local law-enforcement officers fanned out across New England to search for roughly 200 people convicted of a variety of crimes who have been ordered deported, and have arrested at least 187 illegal immigrants - 85 of those were among the targets plus an additional

60 illegal immigrants without criminal records who have been ordered deported for other reasons. They made an additional 42 arrests of people who haven't yet been ordered to leave the country but are here illegally. The illegal immigrants arrested in this week's sweep, called Operation FLASH, were convicted of a wide range of crimes, including attempted murder, rape, child molestation and arson. **(Source – AP; 16 June 2005)**

**Tennessee** - Sixteen illegal immigrants gained access last year to one of the most sensitive weapons sites in the country, according to a report issued by the Department of Energy's Inspector General. The investigation found the illegal immigrants were construction workers on jobs at the Y-12 National Security Complex **(Right Photo)** near Knoxville, Tennessee. The workers used "false documents" and "gained access to the ... site on multiple occasions." The report detailed how the workers, apparently using fake green cards, were able to obtain access badges. "This situation represented a potentially serious access control and security problem," the report said. According to the report, the inquiry brought field agents to the plant who found "official use only" documents "lying unprotected in a construction trailer, which was accessed by the foreign construction workers." The National Nuclear Security Administration, which oversees nuclear weapons facilities for the Energy Department, said in the report no evidence was found that the workers had access to any of those documents. The Inspector General also found that although security was compromised, access controls at the plant have since been tightened, there was no evidence that classified or sensitive information was compromised. **(Source – CNN; 22 June 2005)**



## E. Maritime and Port Security

### Videotel Teams up with IMO in Port Security Initiative



UK-based maritime training provider Videotel Marine International, working in conjunction with the International Maritime Organization and a number of leading international port security authorities, has produced an interactive, computer-based training course which could form the basis of official Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) accreditation, as called for under the International Ship & Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code. On completion of the course, the user will be able to undertake a formal assessment which, depending on local government requirements, could form the basis of official PFSO accreditation. Videotel has also produced a video, again in association with IMO, for port workers covering global port security and the potential threats faced by ports throughout the world. *(Source – Maritime Global Net; 17 June 2005)*

### U.S., Indonesia Urged to Secure Sea Lanes



The United States and Indonesia should boost intelligence and security cooperation to stem maritime terrorism in heavily traveled sea-lanes around the vulnerable Southeast Asian archipelago, a study published Wednesday said.



The study sponsored by the U.S.-Indonesia Society urged Washington to allocate US\$30 million over five years to help the Indonesian navy beef up communications, intelligence and operations in the region, through which much of the world's trade moves. "The U.S. should make maritime security a priority issue in our relations with Indonesia," said study author Bronson Percival, a terrorism expert at the Center for Naval Analysis. Describing the waters surrounding Indonesia as the "most dangerous in the world", he said the piracy-plagued Strait of Malacca, which is bordered by Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore, was particularly vulnerable to attack by light boats or mines. "Pirates in the Strait of Malacca have proved how easy it would be for maritime terrorists to operate there," Percival said in a presentation in Washington of his report "Indonesia and the United States: Shared Interests in Maritime Security." The potential economic costs of terrorism would be high, with 40 percent of world trade, 80 percent of Japan's and South Korea's oil and gas and 80 percent of China's oil passing through the Strait, he said. "No one knows what those economic costs would be; certainly it would send a shock through those neighboring economies," Percival said. *(Source – Reuters; 17 June 2005)*



## Port of Mobile Purchases Video Security Technology



**Alabama** - ObjectVideo Inc., a provider of specialized video software products and services, announced it has been selected to protect the Alabama State Port

Authority against terrorism and theft. ObjectVideo VEW will be used to monitor the port's perimeter and other sensitive areas. The public cargo terminals at the Alabama State Port Authority handle about 24 million tons of cargo per year and have immediate access to two interstate systems, five other major highways and nearly 15,000 miles of inland waterway connections. ObjectVideo VEW will also be used to assist in operational and logistical matters; for example, it can be used to determine how long a ship was docked at a pier, as well as when it arrived and left. ObjectVideo VEW, based on artificial intelligence called "computer vision," runs all objects in a camera's view against threat-specific pre-programmed rules in real time. When an object violates a rule - for example, a small boat loiters next to a ship or a bag is left unattended at a cruise-ship terminal - the software alerts security personnel by phone, pager, e-mail or an alert console. **(Source - Birmingham Business Journal; 28 June 2005)**



## **F. Terrorism Against Americans**

**July 19, 1982** - David Dodge, president of the American University of Beirut, was kidnapped. He subsequently was released on July 19, 1983.

## **G. Significant Dates**

**July 2, 1993** - Sheikh Omar Abdurrahman, the radical Egyptian cleric, surrendered to U.S. Justice Department officials in Brooklyn, New York.

**July 3, 1988** - The USS Vincennes mistakenly shot down an Iranian airbus airliner over the Persian Gulf.

**July 4, 1776** – US Independence Day

**July 17, 1968** - The secular socialist Baath Party came to power in Iraq. Saddam Hussein later rose to dominate both the party and lead the country until April 2003 when American led allied forces overthrew the regime.

**July 21, 1972** - "Bloody Friday" in Belfast, Northern Ireland, 11 people were killed and 130 were injured when the Northern Ireland terrorist group Provisional Irish Republican Army (PIRA) detonated 26 car bombs.

**July 22, 1968** - Members of the Popular Front for the Liberation Palestine (PFLP) hijacked an El Al flight en route to Tel Aviv and forced it to land in Algiers. The attack marked the first aircraft hijacking by a Palestinian group. The hijackers were said to have believed Israeli General Ariel Sharon was on the flight. The passengers and crew were detained by Algeria for six weeks.

**July 31, 1969** - The terrorist group Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA) was founded.

## H. Quote



**“I would regard it as a sin not to use every means at my disposal in order to protect the Muslims from the infidels” – Osama bin Laden.**



## **Support USCG “Eyes on the Water” and “America’s Waterway Watch” Programs**

Prevention of terrorism is everyone’s responsibility. Whether traveling aboard or living in the United States, all Americans must practice increased security awareness. The 1993 World Trade Center attack, the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and the attacks on 11 September 2001 show the United States at home is not immune to domestic and international terrorism. You are the first line of defense! Immediately report suspicious activity to the National Response Center (NRC), local police, security, FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) Maritime Liaison Agent (MLA) and your local CGIS or FIST office. In Chicago, the FBI MLA is Task Force Officer (TFO) Robert A. Reggio at (312) 786-2791. America’s Waterway Watch Program can be found at [http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mp/AWW\\_Website/](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mp/AWW_Website/)

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